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NEW JERSEY BOARD OF  
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION  
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

HAROLD C. HANSEN, D.C.  
LICENSE NO. MC01489

TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

THIS MATTER was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereinafter the "Board") upon receipt of a report from the Enforcement Bureau disclosing the results of a Board investigation concerning allegations that respondent Harold C. Hansen, D.C. (hereinafter the "respondent") engaged in a sexual liaison with patient Carol Press while both she and her husband were under respondent's chiropractic care. Respondent appeared with counsel, Joseph Guez, Esq., before the Preliminary Investigative Committee of the Board (hereinafter the "PIC") on January 11, 1996. At the time of the inquiry, respondent admitted that, approximately two weeks after commencing treatment of patient Carol Press, he engaged in an extramarital affair with Mrs. Press simultaneous with the rendering of chiropractic care between the period of July 1992 through October 1995. Respondent testified that it was a

consensual relationship initiated by Mrs. Press but admitted being advised by her husband that she had emotional problems. Respondent also testified that the care and treatment rendered to Mrs. Press was necessary and appropriate in relation to injuries sustained as the result of an elevator accident in 1992.

The Board, having reviewed the information received from the investigation, the testimony of respondent before the PIC and the recommendation of the PIC, finds that respondent's action of engaging in the extramarital affair with Carol Press while she was under his chiropractic care constitutes an act of professional misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

Based upon the Board's finding and the parties being desirous of resolving this matter without the need for further proceedings, and the Board finding the within order to adequately protect the public interest and other good cause shown,

IT IS on this *7th* day of *December*, 1996,

ORDERED, that:

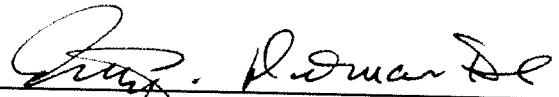
1. Harold C. Hansen, D.C. is hereby suspended from the practice of chiropractic in the State of New Jersey for a period of two (2) years. The first two (2) months shall be a period of active suspension, commencing thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. The remaining one (1) year and ten months shall be stayed to be a period of probation during which respondent shall fully comply with all provisions contained in this Board's enabling act and implementing regulations, as well as the general laws of the State of New Jersey. In addition, respondent shall observe the provisions for chiropractors whose licenses have been suspended or revoked, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. Respondent is hereby reprimanded and cautioned that more serious

penalties will be imposed in the event subsequent complaints of a similar nature are filed against him. Any subsequent offenses proven before the Board shall be considered second or subsequent offenses for purposes of disciplinary sanction.

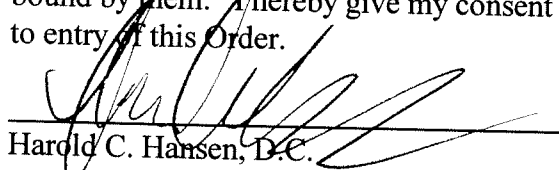
3. Harold C. Hansen, D.C., shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00 by means of certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Attention: Laura Anderson, Executive Director, 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45004, Newark, New Jersey 07101, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of entry of this Order.

4. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$1,158.28. Said costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners no later than thirty (30) days from the date of entry of this Order.



ANTHONY DE MARCO, D.C., President  
State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

I have read the terms of the within Order.  
I understand them and I agree to be  
bound by them. I hereby give my consent  
to entry of this Order.



Harold C. Hansen, D.C.

This Order is consented to as to form and entry.

GUEZ & HAINES, ESQS.  
Attorneys for Respondent



Joseph Guez, Esq.